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CHARLESTON, IL--"My kind of town, Chicago is . . . " is usually what old blue eyes, Frank Sinatra sings about the Windy City. The sentimental favorite tune may be reserved for the Eastern Illinois University women's volleyball team this weekend (Oct. 5-6) as it invades Chicago for the Loyola Lakeshore Classic.

Nine of the 13 members of the squad call the suburban Chicago area "home." EIU, 10-9 on the season, will be celebrating a homecoming of sorts as the squad returns to its home away from home.

"The girls are really looking forward to playing in Chicago this weekend," states second-year head mentor Betty Ralston. "Their families and friends will be at the matches cheering Eastern on. It should be real exciting and I'm looking for the girls to have a successful tournament."

Chicago area natives sprinkle the EIU and Gateway Conference statistical leaders. Sophomore Maura LeFevour (Oak Park/Oak Park-River Forest) is fifth in the conference attack percentage (.323), sixth in total attempts (436) and eighth in kills (180). She leads the club in the above categories along with block assists (38) and block solos (12). Senior co-captain Gretchen Braker (Matteson/Rich Central) is fifth in the league in assists with 341--including a season-high 37 in a four game win at Arkansas State Monday night. She also is second in the loop in digs averaging 2.6 a contest.

Senior co-captain Donna Uhler (Glen Ellyn/Benet Academy) is pacing the conference in digs averaging 2.9 a game. Earlier in the year she was second in the nation in digs. Uhler ranks fourth in the league in total attempts (421) and sixth in kills (163). Junior April Deer is rated third in aces with 46--including a team-high nine against Butler.

Other Chicago-area players on the roster who probably will see action include: freshmen Diane Eiserman (Libertyville), Sue Miloch (Wheeling), Pandora Nelis (Hazelcrest-Hillcrest), Jeanne Pacione (Wheeling) and Jennifer Sinnick (Lisle), and junior Judy Planos (Evanston).